

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph Dillman of
Anderson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Joseph Dillman; and

WHEREAS, every so often, an individual is appreciated and loved in such a way that it unites an entire community. One such young man was Joseph Dillman, who lived his life with joy, grace, determination, and a deep appreciation for those around him, qualities he continued to exhibit after he was diagnosed with brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, his courage and indomitable spirit, and the love and support of his parents, Mary and Kenny Dillman, helped him face the diagnosis and the resulting treatments with aplomb; and

WHEREAS, despite the strains of his treatments, Joseph found joy in listening to country music, watching the *Dukes of Hazzard*, riding in big rigs, and spending time with his friends on the Clinton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's eternal optimism and competitive attitude in the face of extreme adversity also served as an inspiration for his community, which united in his support; and

WHEREAS, upon hearing of his passing, hundreds of people showed their appreciation for this inimitable young man by creating a special funeral procession, and the Anderson County Commission declared July 18th "Joseph Dillman Day" in Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, though he departed this world at the tender age of ten, Joseph left behind an indelible legacy of compassion, courage, and joy, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional young man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joseph Dillman, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Joseph Dillman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.